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SUBJECT: L'EXPRESS CHANGES VIEW ON PRINCE FAHD

REF: JIDDA 6911

1. OUR INQUIRIES TO JOURNALISTS AND FRENCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE PRODUCED NO SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION OF THE APPARENT TURNABOUT ON FAHD IN L'EXPRESS. FRENCH OFFICIALS DOUBTLESS MADE KNOWN TO L'EXPRESS EDITORS THEIR UNHAPPINESS OVER THE OCTOBER 14 - 20 ISSUE'S CHARACTERIZATION OF FAHD, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT FACT ALONE WOULD CAUSE THE GENERALLY INDEPENDENT (AND OFTEN PRO-ISRAELI) PUBLICATION TO CHANGE ITS TUNE. NOR DO WE THINK L'EXPRESS IS LIKELY TO HAVE ACCEPTED A PAYMENT FOR THE FLATTERING MATERIAL IN THE NOVEMBER 18-25 NUMBER.

2. A STRONGLY PRO-ARAB FRCH OFFICIAL WHO IS SAID TO KNOW KING FAYSAL WELL AND WAS ASKED THEREFORE TO
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ACCOMPANY SAUDI MINISTER OF JUSTICE AL-HARAKAN AND HIS

PARTY OF ISLAMIC LEADERS DURING THEIR EUROPEAN VISIT
(JIDDA 6162) TOLD US THAT THE EXPRESS JOURNALIST (A
WOMAN*) ASSIGNED TO COVER THE TOUR WAS HAMMERED WITH
CRITICISM OF HER MAGAZINE'S OCTOBER DESCRIPTION OF
FAHD. THE OFFICIAL THOUGHT SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SO EF-
FECTED BY THE EXPERIENCE THAT SHE PERSUADED THE
EDITORS TO RUN THE SECOND ARTICLE. WE PASS ALONG THIS
STORY FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH, BUT REGRET NOT BEING
ABLE TO PROVIDE A MORE SUBSTANTIAL ANSWER.
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